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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

13 TERRY PAULSEN, an individual,

14 Plaintiff,

15 vs.

16 ABBOTT LABORATORIES, an Illinois
corporation, TAKEDA
17 PHARMACEUTICALS OF NORTH
AMERICA, INC., a wholly owned subsidiary
of TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES
18 LTD., an Illinois corporation, TAKEDA
CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, INC., an Illinois
19 corporation, and TAP PHARMACEUTICAL
PRODUCTS, INC., a New York corporation,

20 Defendants.

Case No.: 1:15-cv-04144

**COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Refiled Complaint

[Previous Filing Case No. 1:11-cv-04860]

22 Plaintiff, by and through her attorneys, ALAN S. LEVIN, M.D., J.D. and TESHAYE W.
23 TSADIK, ESQ., on behalf of herself, upon information and belief, at all times hereinafter
24 mentioned, allege as follows:

1 gynecological disorders, and infectious disease; including the development of depot leuprolide
2 acetate, known as Lupron Depot® (hereinafter referred to as “Lupron”).

3 6. Defendant TAP Pharmaceutical Products, Inc. (“TAP”) is a joint venture between
4 Takeda and Abbott, by and through which, acting in concert, each owns and controls a fifty
5 percent (50%) stake in TAP. Takeda’s interest in TAP is held through a subsidiary company of
6 Takeda called Takeda America Holdings, Inc. (“Takeda Holdings”), which maintains an office at
7 767 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

8 7. By agreement, Abbott, Takeda, TAP, and a TAP subsidiary, Takeda
9 Pharmaceuticals, Inc., jointly develop and market pharmaceutical products for the American and
10 Canadian markets. Upon information and belief, TAP is directed and controlled by Abbott and
11 Takeda, and TAP focuses its marketing efforts on securing Lupron use and sales by physicians;
12 including physicians within the states of New York, Georgia, and California.

13 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

14 8. TAP, along with the companies responsible for its actions (i.e. Defendants Abbott
15 and TPNA) and their related entities, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others,
16 and the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible, has at all
17 relevant times, been involved in and/or responsible for the research, development, testing,
18 manufacturing and sales, distribution and/or marketing of the drug known as Lupron, directly or
19 indirectly through an agent, affiliate or subsidiary of TAP Products or Defendants.

20 9. References herein to the knowledge, actions and/or omissions of the “Defendant”,
21 “Defendants” or “TAP” specifically include Abbott and TPNA, jointly, severally, acting in
22 concert, with or through others, their agents, servants and/or employees, the companies they
23 own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible.

1 10. Lupron was developed in or around 1985, and was first approved by the United
2 States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) for the palliative treatment of prostate cancer on
3 January 26, 1989.

4 11. Lupron was approved by the FDA as a treatment for endometriosis on or about
5 October 22, 1990, and as a treatment for anemia associated with uterine fibroids on or about
6 March 30, 1995.

7 12. In April 1998, TAP submitted a report to the FDA in which researchers disclosed
8 that they were “concerned” because more than one-third of the women they studied who took
9 Lupron did not “demonstrate either partial reversibility” or “a trend toward return” of bone mass
10 in the six months after they stopped taking the drug.

11 13. Upon information and belief, as early as October 22, 1990, and for more than
12 decade, TAP was aware of the continued bone loss incurred by users of Lupron, but took no
13 corrective action, gave no adequate warning, and did not take the drug off the market.

14 14. In 2001, the FDA approved Lupron “add-back therapy”, designed to counteract
15 the harmful bone-depleting effects of Lupron, which involves the use of a progestin-based
16 hormone replacement known as norethindrone.

17 15. Defendants knew, or should have known, based upon the state of knowledge that
18 existed at the time regarding Lupron, and on generally accepted medical and research standards
19 and principles, that serious long-term health problems are associated with the use of Lupron,
20 including, but not limited to, an increased risk of significant bone mineral density loss, early
21 development of osteoporosis, and osteopenia; neurological, ophthalmologic, pituitary, and
22 metabolic complications; and muscle pain, joint pain, and debilitating fatigue. Defendants failed
23 to adequately apprise Plaintiff or Plaintiff’s physicians of such problems and risks, as well as a
24 litany of other side effects.

1 16. The prescribing information provided to physicians and pharmacists and the
2 patient information pamphlet did not adequately warn of these risks.

3 17. Defendants made certain affirmative claims which were distributed and circulated
4 to the medical profession, and to the general public, through advertising, literature, promotional
5 documents, brochures and other materials, which represented Lupron to be a safe and efficacious
6 drug treatment for women with certain gynecological problems such as endometriosis and
7 uterine fibroids.

8 18. Upon information and belief, Defendants misrepresented and concealed the risks
9 inherent in the use of Lupron in their applications for FDA approval, and in representations to
10 other governmental employees and/or agencies.

11 19. Plaintiff PAULSEN was injected with Lupron on two occasions beginning on or
12 about February 2004 and ending on or about March 2004. Upon information and belief, Lupron
13 was prescribed to treat endometriosis.

14 20. Plaintiff PAULSEN was treated for joint pain and was subsequently diagnosed
15 with severe joint arthropathy in April of 2008. She was later diagnosed with osteoporosis in May
16 of 2010, in addition to suffering from chronic joint pain, muscle pain, fatigue, and other severe
17 and permanent injuries.

18 21. Plaintiff had no knowledge of her claims alleged herein, or facts sufficient to
19 place her on inquiry notice of the claims set forth herein within two years of the filing of the
20 previous complaint. Plaintiff did not discover, and could not have discovered through the
21 exercise of reasonable diligence the causal connection between her injuries and the negligent
22 conduct of defendants herein.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION vs. ALL DEFENDANTS
(Negligence)

22. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates, and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in paragraphs “1” through “21” inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

23. The negligence of the Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert and that of their agents, servants, and/or employees, included but was not limited to the following acts and/or omissions:

- a. Negligence in formulating, analyzing, designing, fabricating, manufacturing, supplying, distributing, merchandizing, advertising, promoting, packaging, marketing, selling, and recommending Lupron in a defective condition when they knew or should have known of said defects;
- b. Failing to identify, eliminate, and/or reduce the risks and hazards associated with the intended and foreseeable uses of the drug;
- c. Formulating, analyzing, designing, fabricating, manufacturing, supplying, distributing, merchandizing, advertising, promoting, packaging, marketing, selling, and recommending the drug, which was unreasonably dangerous, unsafe, and defective with regard to its intended and foreseeable purposes, including off- label uses; and which lacked adequate and necessary warnings;
- d. Failing to adequately test Lupron before securing FDA approval;
- e. Failing to advise Plaintiffs and their physicians of the dangers associated with the use of Lupron;
- f. Misrepresenting the dangers associated with the use of the drug, which deprived Plaintiffs of the opportunity to make an informed choice regarding the risks and benefits associated with said drug;

- g. Failing to conduct adequate post-market surveillance of the drug; and
- h. Failing to appropriately respond to adverse event reports concerning Lupron, including but not limited to notification of physicians who prescribe the drug and individuals who ingested the drug.

24. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned negligence of Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, and the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible, Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe and grievous injuries, including but not limited to negative effects on bone mineral density (“BMD”), osteoporosis, and/or osteopenia; ophthalmologic complications, including but not limited to diplopia and loss of vision; adverse neurological reactions; adverse pituitary reactions; and/or adverse metabolic reactions.

25. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in punitive damages.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION vs. ALL DEFENDANTS
(Strict Products Liability)

26. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in paragraphs “1” through “25” inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

27. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, their agents, servants and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible, manufactured, compounded, tested, distributed, recommended, marketed, merchandized, advertised, promoted, sold, purchased, prescribed, and administered Lupron; and the Plaintiffs used, took, or received administrations of Lupron.

1 28. Lupron was expected to and did, in fact, reach consumers without substantial
2 change in the condition in which Lupron was produced, manufactured, sold, distributed, and
3 marketed by the Defendants.

4 29. At all times herein described, Lupron was in an unsafe, defective, and inherently
5 dangerous condition, and was hazardous to users, and specifically to the Plaintiffs, in the
6 condition in which the Lupron was produced, manufactured, sold, distributed, and marketed by
7 the Defendants.

8 30. At all times herein mentioned, the Defendants knew or had reason to know that
9 Lupron was defective and unsafe.

10 31. At the time Plaintiff was injected with Lupron, the drug was being used for the
11 purposes and in a manner normally intended by Defendants.

12 32. The Plaintiff, through her own reasonable care, could not have discovered the
13 defects herein mentioned or perceived their danger any sooner than they did discover such
14 defects. Defendants did intentionally and/or negligently fail to warn the Plaintiffs and others of
15 the dangers associated with the use of Lupron.

16 33. Defendants were aware of and did not take reasonable steps to prevent off-label
17 use of this medication.

18 34. As a direct and proximate result of the defective and unsafe condition of Lupron,
19 Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe and grievous personal injuries, as described herein,
20 including but not limited to negative effects on bone mineral density ("BMD"), osteoporosis,
21 and/or osteopenia; ophthalmologic complications, including but not limited to diplopia and loss
22 of vision; adverse neurological reactions; adverse pituitary reactions; and/or adverse metabolic
23 reactions.

1 35. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of FIVE
2 MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION
3 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in punitive damages.

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5 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION vs. ALL DEFENDANTS**
6 **(Strict Products Liability – Failure to Warn)**

7 36. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this
8 Complaint contained in paragraphs “1” through “35”, inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

9 37. Defendants jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, their
10 agents, servants and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they
11 are responsible, manufactured and/or supplied Lupron, and placed Lupron into the stream of
12 commerce in a defective and unreasonably dangerous condition such that the foreseeable risks
13 exceeded the benefits associated with the design and/or formulation of the product.

14 38. The Lupron manufactured and/or supplied by Defendants was not accompanied
15 by proper warnings to physicians, the medical community, or to women, regarding all possible
16 side effects, health concerns and risks associated with the use of Lupron. The warnings and
17 information which were given to the medical community and women consumers did not
18 accurately reflect the symptoms, duration, scope or severity of the potential side effects, health
19 concerns, and risks of Lupron.

20 39. Defendants failed to perform testing which would have shown Lupron’s potential
21 to cause serious side effects, health concerns and/or risks.

22 40. Defendants also failed to engage in adequate post-market surveillance and to issue
23 appropriate post-marketing warnings and/or instructions regarding the potential side effects,
24 health concerns, and/or risks associated with Lupron, of which Defendants were or should have

1 been aware. To the contrary, Defendants continued to promote Lupron aggressively without
2 these warnings and/or instructions.

3 41. Had adequate warnings or instructions been provided, the Plaintiffs would not
4 have used, taken, or received administrations of Lupron, and would not have suffered the
5 harmful side effects, other injuries and damages described herein.

6 42. As a direct and proximate cause of the defective condition of Lupron which
7 Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, their agents, servants
8 and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible,
9 designed, developed, manufactured, produced, tested, sold, marketed, supplied and/or
10 distributed, and the absence of adequate and timely warnings about the potential risks of the
11 drug, Plaintiff suffered those injuries and damages as described herein, including but not limited
12 to negative effects on bone mineral density ("BMD"), osteoporosis, and/or osteopenia;
13 ophthalmologic complications, including but not limited to diplopia and loss of vision; adverse
14 neurological reactions; adverse pituitary reactions; and/or adverse metabolic reactions.

15 43. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff had been damaged in the sum of FIVE
16 MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION
17 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in punitive damages.

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19 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION vs. ALL DEFENDANTS**
(Breach of Express Warranty)

20 44. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this
21 Complaint contained in paragraphs "1" through "43" inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

22 45. The Defendants expressly represented to the medical community and Lupron
23 users that Lupron had been or was adequately tested for its intended use, that it was safe and fit
24 for its intended purposes, and that it was of merchantable quality.

1 46. Members of the medical community relied upon the express representations and
2 warranties of Defendants for use in prescribing, recommending, and/or dispensing Lupron.

3 47. Users of Lupron, including the Plaintiffs, relied on the express representations and
4 warranties of the Defendants that Lupron was safe and fit for use and that it would alleviate
5 and/or eliminate the incidence of, and symptoms associated with, endometriosis and uterine
6 fibroids.

7 48. Defendants knew or should have known that said representations and warranties
8 were in fact false and misleading, and untrue in that Lupron was not reasonably safe and fit for
9 its intended use, and was not of merchantable quality. Defendants knew or should have known
10 that Lupron causes or contributes to serious adverse health effects, risks, complications, and
11 other injuries for its users as previously described herein. Consequently, Defendants breached
12 their aforementioned express warranties.

13 49. As a direct and proximate result of such breach of express warranties by
14 Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, their agents, servants
15 and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible,
16 the Plaintiff suffered and sustained permanent, severe and grievous personal injuries, including
17 but not limited to significant loss of bone mineral density, early development of osteoporosis,
18 chronic pain, pituitary abnormalities, neurological complications, chronic pain, debilitating pain,
19 fatigue, spasms, and seizures.

20 50. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of FIVE
21 MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION
22 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in punitive damages.

FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION vs. ALL DEENDANTS
(Breach of Implied Warranty)

51. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this Complaint contained in paragraphs “1” through “50”, inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

52. At all times herein mentioned, Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, their agents, servants and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are responsible, created, designed, formulated, fabricated, analyzed, tested, manufactured, produced, packaged, promoted, recommended, marketed, merchandized, advertised, distributed and sold Lupron.

53. The Lupron which Defendants inserted into the stream of commerce was defective, unsafe, and in an inherently dangerous condition, where it was expected to and in fact did reach users, distributors, and other persons, including the Plaintiffs, without substantial change in the condition in which it was manufactured, produced, distributed and sold.

54. Defendants impliedly represented and warranted to Lupron users and the medical community that Lupron was safe, of merchantable quality, and fit for the purpose for which said product was used.

55. Defendants impliedly represented and warranted to the users of Lupron and the medical community that Lupron was reasonably safe and fit for its intended use, and that Lupron was of merchantable quality. Defendants knew or should have known that these representations and warranties were false, misleading, and inaccurate in that Lupron was unsafe and unfit for its intended use, was not of merchantable quality, had not been appropriately and sufficiently tested, and was otherwise defective and inherently dangerous. Consequently, Defendants breached their implied warranties.

1 56. As a direct and proximate result of the aforementioned breach of implied
2 warranties by Defendants, the Plaintiff suffered and sustained permanent, severe, and grievous
3 personal injuries as set forth herein, including but not limited to negative effects on bone mineral
4 density (“BMD”), osteoporosis, and/or osteopenia; ophthalmologic complications, including but
5 not limited to diplopia and loss of vision; adverse neurological reactions; adverse pituitary
6 reactions; and/or adverse metabolic reactions.

7 57. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of FIVE
8 MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION
9 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in punitive damages.

10 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION vs. ALL DEFENDANTS**
11 **(Fraudulent Misrepresentation)**

12 58. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this
13 Complaint contained in paragraphs “1” through “57”, inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

14 59. At all relevant times, the Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or
15 through others, their agents, servants and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for
16 whose actions they are responsible, made false and fraudulent misrepresentations to the medical
17 community and to users of Lupron through its labeling, advertising, marketing materials, detail
18 persons, seminar presentations, publications, and notice letters, beginning in the 1990’s and
19 continuing into the 2000’s.

20 60. These misrepresentations include, but are not limited to, assurances that Lupron
21 had been tested and found to be a safe and effective treatment for, among other things,
22 eliminating the incidence and symptoms of endometriosis and uterine fibroids.

23 61. Defendants knew or should have known these misrepresentations to be false.
24 Defendants knew, or should have known, that serious long-term health problems are associated

1 with the use of Lupron, including, but not limited to, an increased risk of significant bone
2 mineral density loss, early development of osteoporosis, and osteopenia; neurological, pituitary,
3 and metabolic complications; and/or muscle and joint pain and debilitating fatigue. Defendants
4 failed to adequately apprise Plaintiffs or Plaintiffs' physicians of such problems and risks, as
5 well as a litany of other side effects.

6 62. Nevertheless, Defendants willfully, wantonly and recklessly disregarded the
7 falsity of their statements and omissions; made these representations fraudulently and deceitfully,
8 with the intent that they be relied upon by inducing women to seek and accept Lupron as
9 treatment for endometriosis and/or uterine fibroids and by inducing the medical community to
10 prescribe, dispense, purchase, administer, and otherwise disseminate Lupron to women. All of
11 Defendants' above acts and/or omissions evince a callous, reckless, willful, and depraved
12 indifference to the life, health, safety and welfare of the drug's intended users, including the
13 Plaintiffs herein.

14 63. At the time Defendants made their misrepresentations, users of Lupron, including
15 Plaintiffs herein, could not by the exercise of their own reasonable care, discover the falsity of
16 Defendants' misrepresentations and instead, reasonably believed them to be true.

17 64. Defendants sought and in fact did obtain FDA approval of Lupron in its defective
18 form, in part based upon Defendants fraudulent misrepresentations, and Defendants inserted
19 Lupron into the stream of commerce, which caused harmful effects to Lupron's users, including
20 the Plaintiffs herein.

21 65. Defendants knew or should have known that Lupron had been insufficiently
22 tested, lacked adequate warnings, and would lead to serious injury amongst its users, including
23 Plaintiff, who would rely on Defendants' misrepresentations to their detriment. Defendants
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1 thereby breached their duty to Plaintiffs, to users of Lupron, and to the medical community,
2 including Plaintiff's physicians.

3 66. As a direct and proximate result of her detrimental reliance on Defendants'
4 fraudulent conduct and misrepresentations, disseminated jointly, severally, acting in concert,
5 with or through others, and the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they are
6 responsible, the Plaintiff was caused to sustain permanent, severe, and grievous personal injuries,
7 as set forth herein, including but not limited to negative effects on bone mineral density
8 ("BMD"), osteoporosis, and/or osteopenia; ophthalmologic complications, including but not
9 limited to diplopia and loss of vision; adverse neurological reactions; adverse pituitary reactions;
10 and/or adverse metabolic reactions.

11 67. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has each been damaged in the sum of FIVE
12 MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION
13 DOLLARS (\$5,000,000.00) in punitive damages.

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15 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION vs ALL DEFENDANTS**
(Negligent Misrepresentation)

16 68. Plaintiff repeats, reiterates and realleges each and every allegation of this
17 Complaint contained in paragraphs "1" through "67" inclusive, as if expressly rewritten herein.

18 69. The Defendants, jointly, severally, acting in concert, with or through others, their
19 agents, servants and/or employees, the companies they own, control, or for whose actions they
20 are responsible, had a duty to make accurate representations to the medical community, the
21 Plaintiff herein, and the general public. Defendants represented, among other things, that Lupron
22 had been tested and found to be safe and effective for the use as an injectable drug for the
23 treatment of endometriosis.

70. Defendants knew or should have known that the drug had been insufficiently and/or inappropriately tested, that it lacked adequate warnings, and/or that it created a high risk of unreasonable and dangerous side effects and health risks, including but not limited to significant loss of bone mineral density, early development of osteoporosis, chronic pain, debilitating pain, fatigue, spasms, seizures, and pituitary problems.

71. Because Defendants did not accurately disclose Lupron's serious side effects and health risks to the medical community, the Plaintiffs, and the general public, Defendants negligently misrepresented Lupron's actual, unsafe condition. The treating physicians of Plaintiffs herein detrimentally relied on Defendants' misrepresentations in treating Plaintiffs with Lupron, and Plaintiffs themselves detrimentally relied on these misrepresentations in accepting treatment with and ingesting Lupron.

72. As a direct and proximate result of their detrimental reliance on the negligent misrepresentations by Defendants, the Plaintiff was caused to sustain severe and grievous personal injuries, including but not limited to negative effects on bone mineral density (“BMD”), osteoporosis, and/or osteopenia; ophthalmologic complications, including but not limited to diplopia and loss of vision; adverse neurological reactions; adverse pituitary reactions; and/or adverse metabolic reactions.

73. By reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff has been damaged in the sum of FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) in compensatory damages and FIVE MILLION DOLLARS (\$5,000,000) in punitive damages.

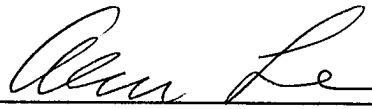
PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff TERRY PAULSEN demands judgment against Defendants, ABBOTT LABORATORIES, TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICALS OF NORTH AMERICA, INC., a wholly owned subsidiary of TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. and TAP

1 PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS, INC. jointly, severally, on each cause of action, for
2 damages in the amount prayed for, with interest, together with the costs and disbursements of
3 this action, and any and all further relief this Court deems just and proper.

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5 DATED this 11th day of May, 2015.

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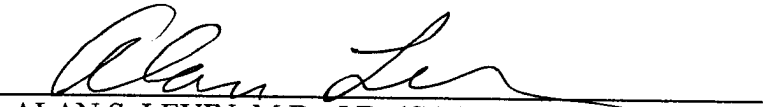
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DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury as to all issues.

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